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In re patent application of :
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For "System for Timely Delivery of
Personalized Aggregations of, including
Currently-Generated, Knowledge"

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LETTER

Sir:

This is in response to the Office communication mailed 07/22/2005.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-51 and 60-61;
- II. Claims 52-53 and 62-63;
- III. Claims 54-57 and 64; and
- IV. Claims 58-59.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement as between Groups I and II.

Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I.

Applicants urge that the inventions of Groups I, and II are more related than as subcombinations. The Examiner observed that the Group II claims were drawn to automated systems for modifying data base elements. Applicants wish to point out that Claim 5 of Group I requires "apparatus whereby the data bins or nodes may be organized into various infrastructures". And that claim 22 of that same Group requires "apparatus preventing changes in the infrastructures without the approval of an

administrator". And that claim 30 requires "apparatus for adding a node and automatically updating the system". Thus the subcombinations are not distinct, and an overlapping search would seem to be required. Restriction for examination purpose between Groups I and II would hence not seem proper.

Wherefore applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement to the extent indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



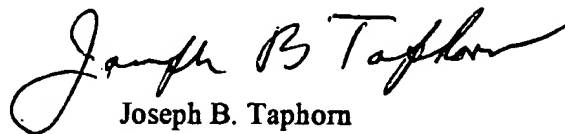
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